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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence 1 March 1961

SUBJECT : DPD Program for Fiscal Year 1961

REFERENCE : Memorandum for DD/P, dated 24 February 1961,
from AC/DPD, Subject: "Project Idealist -
Obligations for Fiscal Year 1961" (Idea-0185)

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1. When you approved this program in July 1960, you did so with the stipulation that every reasonable effort should be made to hold expenditures for the Idealist project (continued operation of U-2s) to a smaller total than that contained in the budget. Herewith is a report from DPD indicating that they now hoped to be able to save approximately [REDACTED] as against their budget on this project during the current fiscal year. I do not believe you need study the report but did want you to be aware that your injunction had been observed. I am afraid I cannot encourage you to believe that this saving will necessarily be available for use outside the Division since there has been some accumulation of cost increases on other DPD Projects. I am not yet, however, in a position to advise you of the status of the DPD budget as a whole but assure you that every effort will be made to carry the saving on Idealist as a saving on the whole budget.

2. Would you return this when you are through with it.

(Signed) Richard M. Bissell, Jr.

Attachment: Ref.

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